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A DEMOCRATIC VICTORY

The 1916 presidential election upset all preconceived notions, transferred the battle ground from the east to the west and brought the Democratic party to a place in the nation it never has occupied since the War Between the States. The Democratic party, with its progressive tendencies, with its tariff commission and with its initiative, has become in less than four years a dominant political party, instead of a minority party, whose chief function was to denounce legislation enacted by its opponents. And never again will the United States go backward. The Democratic party is to the United States what the Liberal party is to England, and regardless of the 1916 result, it is bound to take control of the government and keep it. This much may be read from the returns.

We imagine that the big Atlantic seaboard states went Republican so strongly quite as much as a protest to Mr. Wilson's foreign policy as fear that the Democratic tariff law will not offer protection from European goods after the war. The New England states, interested in shipping, fretted over the way Americans were treated on the high seas, and this was so with New York. Every newspaper in the metropolis with any standing denounced the inhuman warfare of the Germans.

The western states, exclusive of Ohio, were strong for the president because they were getting enormous prices for their products. Wheat was bringing around \$1.85 cents a bushel, the farmers hoped to profit from the rural credits act, and they were content to let well enough alone. We don't imagine that they cared much about foreign policies, or Mexico or any of the paramours featured by Mr. Hughes and Colonel Roosevelt. Ohio has five large cities and the labor vote is considerable. Labor leaders supported the Democratic ticket and Ohio farmers, like the farmers in many other states, were appreciative of high prices. These were two elements that nothing could change.

California voiced a strong protest against Wall Street and the Old Guard Republicans. When Hughes invaded that state Hiram Johnson would have none of him, and the two leaders were in the same hotel without so much as speaking. Union waiters were peeved because non-union waiters were hired to serve a banquet to Hughes, and this element, combined with the disgust of the men who had redeemed the state from the domination of the Union Pacific Railroad for anything savoring of Wall Street, simply changed in such numbers as to make the result close. The Adamson eight-hour law brought results in California also.

The south, which went Democratic from habit, feels elated because the west joined it, and interest in North Carolina and other southern states from now on will be more real than perfunctory.

We do not believe Mr. Wilson was elected because of his foreign policies. In our opinion, if he had not presented a record of wonderful achievements, he would have been snuffed under. The country has endorsed him for the domestic legislation put in the statute books, rather than for "he kept us out of war" cry, though it must not be denied that a lot of people were influenced by the peace appeal.

If Mr. Wilson will maintain American rights, he will leave the party in position to continue in power. The country has endorsed his policies as a whole in such a manner as to give him courage, and it is up to him. We are sure he will justify the confidence that has been reposed in him.

The women in North Carolina will be voting in a few years. Both candidates fell over themselves in declaring for equal suffrage and the issue will be pressed by the women. "Votes for women" won't be a laughing matter much longer, and who knows but that right here in Hickory is a future congresswoman from the ninth district?

About next week we will begin getting official returns from North Carolina.

POST ELECTION THOUGHTS

The Record is glad that there were no evidences of unfairness in the South ward in Hickory, because honest elections are worth more to the people of this country than a victory for either political party. There should be two more precincts in Hickory township, however, and the election law should be complied with strictly.

Democrats or Republicans should not be given to charge that they were kept out of the room where the counting is done while members of the opposing party were admitted. A good way would be to admit a few men of both parties whose character is above reproach and let them witness the count. If this is not done, then everybody should be excluded regardless of politics.

The Record likes to believe that the election was conducted fairly in Hickory, but it would urge its friends to guard against anything that might give offense to persons as deeply interested in the result as others. The whole country, politically, is not worth the stings that might be caused by careless or indifferent handling at the polls.

In justice to the several hundred voters who live outside of the city, at least one additional voting precinct should be provided before the next election, and in fairness to all sides, the vote should be counted strictly according to law and in a manner to give no offense to anyone. That will be best for all concerned.

Democrats who recall the "Crime of '76" had reason to fear that the Republicans were planning wholesale stealing in this good year. New Hampshire looked mighty suspicious and the state swung from Hughes to Wilson only after the Democrats began to take steps for a new count. The returns looked evil to those who were familiar with the towns and cities, and if there was any design on the Democrats, the Republicans failed in them.

The Record is glad that Mr. Garland Suttlesmyre, who lives just across the river and who has almost as many good friends in Hickory as he has in Lovelady, was elected to the legislature. He will make Caldwell county a good representative.

Hurray for Jane, Jennie or Jennette Rankin, formerly of Salisbury, N. C. who was elected to congress from Montana as a Republican. We don't care what Jennie's politics is or are, we are simply giving her three cheers.

Where North Carolina sits surely is at the head of the table. Miss Jeannette Rankin is from Salisbury and she will be the first congresswoman in the United States.

The women no sooner get the franchise than they want to take the jobs held by men. This is what will jar a lot of the boys.

South Carolina gave Cole Blease less than 1,000 votes, which shows that the Sandlappers have a sense of honor.

GOVERNOR ELECT BICKETT

Governor-elect Bickett is receiving many congratulations for the kind of campaign he conducted in North Carolina. Mr. Bickett made his campaign from the records, he dealt in facts and made no effort to deceive the voters. His election by a majority of 50,000 or more ought to be a rebuke to those candidates who went about the state denouncing the administration of the public schools and howling about the equalizing property for taxation. North Carolinians believe in going forward and with Mr. Bickett setting the pace we will take strides forward too. Lead the way, Governor Bickett, and the rest of us will follow.

Artificial Car Shortage

Chattanooga Times.
If the people will only be patient for a few days longer the high cost of commodities will most certainly begin to drop. The occasion for recent increases is, there can be no kind of doubt, really artificial and arbitrary and procured for political purposes. It will be remembered that the question of car shortages began to fill the papers something over a month ago, and that great difficulty was found by dealers in getting shipments moved. Immediately after that the Republican politicians began howling about the increased cost of living under the Wilson administration, and they have been at it ever since, while the car shortage, without any apparent good reason, has been going steadily from bad to worse. The government is probing the matter and we shall be surprised if there is not found to be a large sized and mighty "Ethiopian in the woodpile." Wall street is for Hughes, and Wall street controls a large number of railroads—hence the inability to get things to the markets. Thousands of barrels of sugar are in storage in New Orleans, but no cars are available to deliver them to dealers—hence sugar is going up. Hence, likewise, coal and other commodities are going up because they can not be got to market.

The proof that it is artificial, largely at least, was shown the other day when a large coal producer notified certain managers that he had a contract for the delivery of coal with their railroad; that cars were not being supplied and that in consequence a large damage account was growing. Promptly cars began to roll in and the congestion at that mine has been, partially, at least, relieved.

These are very good reasons, why prices have been going up and why after Tuesday they will begin to go down, no difference who is elected. But it will make a difference to the hereafter—for it may safely be said that if this atrocious scheme has been played the game for partisan effects, it will be the last time it will ever be done. The big interests seem to be determined to force an issue between themselves and the people; history records the fact that the people never lose in the end, in such a contest.

INSTRUCTION CALLED OFF
The school for religious instruction will not be held at the Presbyterian church tomorrow, owing to the scarlet fever quarantine.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for CHICHESTER'S PILLS in Red and Gold wrapper. Take one or two. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S PILLS. DIAMOND BRAND PILLS. 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

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Every day we receive oysters. We have only the best quality.

Genuine Pound Cake—Corby, 24c the pound. Cheaper than you can bake.

We have lettuce celery, cranberries, Cocoanuts, oranges, the sweet kind, grapefruit, fancy eating apples, Concord grapes.

Whitener & Martin,

"Sell For Less Profit."

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

PREMIER CARRIER OF THE SOUTH

WEST BOUND				EAST BOUND				
21	11	16	86		86	12	16	21
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5:00	11:30	1:00		W. PHILLY, Pa.	6:30	2:10	5:15	
5:30	12:00	1:30		BALTIMORE	7:00	2:40	5:45	
6:00	12:30	2:00		WASHINGTON (ET)	7:30	3:10	6:15	
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